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Editorial Comment

WITH OTHER ED-TORS

HE PROVED HIS POINT

From Winchester Star

There is one aviation expert who must have engaged in a quiet smile of satisfaction as the Army B-32 fighter Betty Jo landed at La Guardia Field in New York after a record, non-stop flight of 4,978 miles from Honolulu. His name is Maj. Alexander P. Seversky. His cause for satisfaction rests in the fact that the flight of the Betty Jo was a vindication of theories he has been fighting for since long before the war.

While British and American air forces were concentrating on short-range fighters and long-range bombers Major Seversky kept hammering away at the thesis that the air arm needed long-range fighters capable of accompanying the bombers all the way to their target and back again. To the argument that a long-range fighter would not have enough speed and fire power to compete with a short-range fighter on its home grounds the major retorted that speed and fire power, as well as long range, could be achieved if the fighters were built big enough.

During the war the appalling losses suffered by American bombing squadrons on such forays as the Schweinfurt and Regensburg raids finally convinced airmen that Seversky was on the right track. In the latter part of the European war fighter protection was provided for heavy bombers on the majority of raids although fighters with a long enough range to use the same tactics in the Pacific were not available.

Now the long range fighter plane is here to stay until it is outmoded by some other weapon.

WHAT'S 'N A NAME?

From New York Times

Substitution of "salesgirl" for waitress, suggested by the British Ministry of Labor in its efforts to enhance the dignity of some classes of workers by giving them new titles does not seem to be meeting with much favor in any quarter.

It is recalled that the London Metropolitan Asylums Board, getting few responses to its advertisement for cooks, decided to try what calling them "kitchen superintendents" would do. There were no applicants.

Some years ago a newspaper started a competition for a new name for "shop-girl," without success. The shopgirl preferred to be known as such, rather than, as suggested, aidette, counter clerk, conveyor, mart maid, marlette, wares girl, goods lady, distributor, purse lightener, sales assistant, commercial encourager, severiene, shopette, tradettas, attender, bond girl, carry, civil server, commercial graduate, commissary, discriminant, goodseller, maggie, sales officer, stores assistant, shop sister, bun, peas sister, trade sister, shopgirl, lily or tradie girl.

A new name for customers, however, might be a good idea, the Manchester Guardian thinks, "worm" for example.

CRIME ON THE MARCH

From Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

The Board of Corrections' report of a 23 per cent increase in the number of persons jailed in this State during the July-December period, over the comparable period of 1945, underlines once again the rising post-war crime rate in Virginia. Nearly every type of offense has soared. Homicides have risen 37 per cent, and lesser crimes to an ever greater degree. Robbery alone shows a decrease (11 per cent). Yet from the January-June period of 1946, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that robberies increased 55 per cent in Virginia. Either there has been phenomenal improvement in the State's robbery record, or there are hidden factors to account for the wide fluctuation between the State and national statistics.

However interpreted, the figures present an ominous picture. The crime rate rose, then fell, during the early days of the war. It remained moderate during the period of the war as increasing numbers of young men were conscripted to live under military discipline. Upon their demobilization an increase in crime was to have been expected. Yet the increase transcends all expectations. The FBI has called the State's rise "alarming." The Board of corrections now warns us to "realize the portends of this trend

Because the rise is a nation-wide phenomenon, and to a degree unexpected one, does not mitigate the responsibility of State and local enforcement officials to improve the record. At the FBI's first report, only five States' murder rates were higher than Virginia's rate; and Norfolk's murder rate was highest among the metropolitan centers in the State. If an increase in post-war crime is to be expected, it is to be expected that the competence of law enforcement officials to deal with it will also increase. Police forces, Norfolk's included, are being reorganized. Most of them, since draft-depleted, are returning to full complement. There is reason to believe they can level off and ultimately reduce, the rising graph line of crime.

HITCH-HIKE KILLERS

From Chicago Daily News

The peril of picking up hitchhikers are so apparent that efforts have been made to halt the practice by law. A recent series of atrocious murders by such riders may be more effective. The practice of offering a ride has continued widespread despite its risks because most of remain Samaritans at heart. We consider it a pity to withhold a lift from a worthy applicant because an occasional scoundrel takes advantage of the instinct to help. A philosopher might conclude that the most revolting aspect of these killings was the convincing of the rest of us that this friendly help is a mistake. The prudent motorist can reach no other decision.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Study of Williamsburg "debtor prison" fails to disclose record of any confinements therein.

Pork supplies in Virginia greater now than they were one year ago.

Democrats open headquarters for Jefferson Day party dinner in Richmond.

Army moves to stamp out overseas counterfeiting.

Belgian shops close in protest against high taxes.

Appomattox County Board of Supervisors met yesterday.

Moscow radio openly critical of U. S. and Britain.

Hope for a good crop season in Virginia this year.

Marshall expresses confidence the Big Four will reach agreement at Moscow Conference.

Russia abandons censorship on outgoing news coverage of Foreign Ministers' Conference in Moscow.

Commerce Department warns industry to cut retail prices. Says all industry is on verge of a period of intense competition for sales.

President Truman urges "better housing for more people" as need for living quarters continues unabated.

Raging blaze costs $500,000 loss in Danville.

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Mrs. Catt, 88, Suffragette leader, dies in New Rochelle, N. Y.

Fuel supply held to be improving in England, after tense period.

Burma fights an outbreak of smallpox.

John L. Lewis may cancel deadline for another coal strike.

N. C. State wins the Southern Conference basketball tourney.

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INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—John 14:1-6, 12-18; 15:14
MEMORY SELECTION—Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.—John 15:14.

The hour had come for our Lord's final intimate words with his disciples. It was indeed a solemn, but also a blessed, hour.

It was the night before the darkest day in the world's history. On the morrow the Son of man was to hang on Calvary's tree for the sins of the world; for your sins and for mine. But for the moment he was alone with his disciples.

The last Passover had been eaten together, the betrayer had been discovered, and the Lord has told them that he was soon to go where they could not follow. Peter had, by his bold self-assurance, brought forth the prophecy of his denial.

The disciples were disturbed in heart and mind. Then came from the Saviour's lips the words of comfort, assurance and power which have been the strength and solace of his people through all the centuries. Our life both here and hereafter is in his mighty hands.

We learn in this precious portion of Scripture that

I. The Christian Need Not Be Fearful (14:1-6)

That is indeed a good word—a needed word! Troubled hearts are everywhere—in the palace and in the cottage, in the office and on the sea. There is a place of rest, thank God! There is One who will speak comfortable words. That rest you can have, that heart be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me."

His comfort is one which covers the future life for he says, "I go to prepare a place for you" (v. 2). Concern about future destiny is settled at once when Christ Jesus becomes our Lord and Saviour. We need worry no longer. He has gone on before to the Father's house to prepare a place for his own. When we come to that ever-peaceful shore we shall not come as strangers, but as sons and daughters to a prepared place in our Father's house. His words, "I will come again" (v. 3), gives present meaning to the future promise. He not only prepared the place, but he it is who brings us there. The glorious hope of his coming again is the Christian's greatest comfort and mightiest incentive to useful, holy living.

Note the blessed words of Jesus: "He that believeth on me" (v. 12). The army of God carries the royal banner of faith in a living Christ. "Greater works . . . shall he do" (v. 12). Jesus only began his work on earth; its greatest development was to be the joyous privilege of his followers. We are ashamed that we have not lived up to this great promise, but by his grace we will do better.

"If ye ask . . . I will do" (v. 14). Someone has called this a signed blank check on all the resources of God.

II. The Christian Need Not Be Distressed (14:18-18).

The Holy Spirit, promised by Christ as the abiding comforter, came so to abide in the believer on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

The ministries of the Holy Spirit are many, but here the emphasis is on his work as Comforter. What a blessed and helpful ministry, and how much needed by distressed and disturbed souls! The Christian may count on him — and not be distressed.

IV. The Christian Need Not Be Disturbed (15:1-6).

What is worse than the feeling that one does not belong to anyone else, that one is a detached individual! That is never true of the believer in Christ. We are as close to him as the branch is to the vine. We are in him.

Christ is the vine, and the believer as a true branch is united with him. There is a oneness here which is difficult to express, but delightful to receive and believe. He who is the vine needs no cleansing, but the branch needs constant, daily purification by the word. Are we permitting God's Word to keep us clean? Only if we are reading it, studying it, meditating upon it.

There is, moreover, a severer type of purging to which the husbandman subjects the vine that it may bear more richly, and that is pruning (v. 2).

Some branches must be cut away altogether and burned (v. 6). They lack the evidence of life — fruit-bearing—and must be destroyed.

BACK HOME AGAIN By Ed Dodd

YOUR FORTUNE FINDER

To learn your "Fortune" for this week from the stars, write in the letters of the alphabet corresponding to the numerals on the line of the astrological period in which you were born. Then look down

JAN. 20-FEB. 20	1	2	9	7	16	12	5	1	19	21	18	5	7	1	9	14
FEB. 21-MAR. 20	1	13	15	14	5	25	13	1	11	9	14	7	3	15	21	16
MAR. 21-APR. 20	1	16	16	18	5	3	9	1	20	9	15	14	7	9	6	20
APR. 21-MAY 20	3	15	14	3	5	18	20	5	8	1	3	20	9	13	14	19
MAY 21-JUNE 21	5	24	16	5	3	20	12	15	14	7	4	5	12	1	25	19
JUNE 22-JULY 23	6	21	12	12	5	18	13	15	14	20	8	1	8	5	1	4
JULY 24-AUG. 23	8	15	21	19	5	8	15	12	4	8	1	18	13	15	14	25
AUG. 24-SEPT. 23	9	14	22	5	19	20	13	5	14	20	3	1	19	8	5	4
SEPT. 24-OCT. 23	1	6	1	19	3	9	14	1	20	9	14	7	18	1	3	5
OCT. 24-NOV. 22	1	16	8	25	19	9	3	1	12	6	9	20	14	5	19	19
NOV. 23-DEC. 22	1	14	19	23	5	18	19	20	15	12	5	20	20	5	18	19
DEC. 23-JAN. 21	3	15	13	13	15	14	16	12	1	3	5	5	22	5	14	20

Uncle Sam Says

How many of your New Year's resolutions are unbroken? Some you made in jest. Others represent a serious effort, one as a plan. You may have resolved to step up your saving. Investment through U. S. Savings Bonds Plan, or you may have resolved to ask your bank to buy a savings bond for you every month out of your deposited funds. You can't afford not to keep this resolution for your own good. Even an $18.75 investment once a month in a $25 savings bond will provide you with a $2,500 nestegg in 10 years.

U. S. Treasury Departments

Supreme Court upholds bargaining by foremen.

Danville cit'es citizens who did not remove snow from sidewalks in front of their property.

Senator Byrd announces favor for limiting the Presidency to two terms.

Five arrested after an attempt to kill Roxas.

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Margaret Moon recently eral days in Radford as of Mr. and Mrs. Roy

Mrs. Wesley Martin and spent Sunday afternoon in of Mr. and Mrs. Willie

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Woman Weeps at Holdup and Softens Heart of Young Thief

CHICAGO.—Ruth Fagan, lingerie shop employee, wept when a young robber ordered her to "give me all the money in your cash register."

Miss Fagan handed him $11 and sobbed, "That's all I took in today."

The man looked at his loot, then said gruffly, "Take it back, you need it worse than I do."

Control Blackhead by Use of Phenothiazine

The small roundworm, cecal worm, is not a serious parasite itself but is very important in the spread of blackhead. Control of the cecal worm tends to control blackhead. Control of the cecal worm is best done, according to Washington State college, by placing the young poults upon a one-half per cent phenothiazine mash for five days when the young poults are first turned out on the open range.

Woman Leaps 8 Floors: His Ants; Tells of Fall

SANTIAGO, CHILE. — Olga Leiva, 25, a dressmaker, leaped from the eighth floor of the Central building here and hit the top of an auto owned by the minister of health. She remained conscious and told of her experience as she was taken to a hospital, where doctors said she probably would live.

Guzzling Ghost Is Now Without Home

His Taste for Beer at Midnight Disturbed Travelers.

KUMBA, CAMEROONS, EAST AFRICA. — The ghost with a taste for beer, which had been disturbing travelers for nearly 20 years, has been left homeless by demolition of an old rest house here.

Tradition had it that the ghost was the restless spirit of a former German district officer, murdered for the iron hand with which he ruled the people of the Cameroons.

Known before World War I as the Johann Albrechtshohe station, the haunted house served as the Prussian-like officer's quarters, district office and military barracks.

It was built 1,200 feet above sea level, on the lip of a drowned volcano crater, with a wide lake 300 feet below.

In more recent years, the building was turned into a resthouse for visiting government officials.

But so many visitors were badly frightened by the creaks and groans of the ancient timbers that the place received a bad name.

It was said that the only way to get a good night's sleep was to place a bottle of beer and a glass on a tray shortly before midnight. This seemed to satisfy the thirsty ghost, for he left the occupiers in peace.

In the morning, according to the story, the bottle was found empty, the glass encrusted with dried froth.

Skeptics who had never spent a night in the haunted house had amusing explanations for consumption of the unguarded bottle of beer.

They never could, however, explain why the cap was always still gripped firmly around the neck of the bottle, and never showed any evidence of being touched with an opener.

Mississippi Flood Help Is Authorized by U. S. Army

WASHINGTON. — Gen. Jacob L. Devers authorized emergency relief measures by army troops in the event of floods or threatened flood disaster in the Mississippi valley.

The ground forces commander authorized commanders of the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th armies to work directly with the president of the Mississippi river commission on arrangements for use of army troops and supplies during flood emergencies.

Under current plans, the army commanders would provide troops suitable for flood fighting duty, levee maintenance, protection and security measures, signal communication equipment and personnel, and all available vehicles, equipment and supply from army stocks as might be required.

The Mississippi river commission president is the army engineer officer in charge of the lower Mississippi river division.

Army troops also were used in Washington state to combat flood conditions.

Pilot Saves Airliner After It Strikes Tree, 45 Escape

MOBILE, ALA.—A Pan-American airways DC4 passenger plane, which struck a tree in an attempt to land at New Orleans, made an emergency landing here.

Some 45 persons were said to have been aboard the plane when it was brought down here shortly after 1 a. m. None was reported injured.

The craft, arriving at New Orleans from Balboa, Canal Zone, came to Mobile on three engines after damaging its left outboard engine at New Orleans where bad weather prevented a landing.

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Farm Topics

Twenty Million Acres May Be Unprofitable

Salt Proving Ruin to Much Irrigated Land

Accumulation of salt is proving a continuing hazard to crop production on much of the 20 million acres of irrigated land in the Western states.

Losses from reduction in yield and quality of crops may occur on lands containing some salt but not enough to throw them out of production. It has been estimated by the U. S. regional salinity laboratory, which is

Irrigation always presents a problem in removal of salt excess in the soil.

working on this problem, that in many cases such losses amount to 10 to 25 per cent of the yield.

Many saline and alkali soils are low in available phosphorus and will give better crop yields if phosphate fertilizers are used. Superphosphate, treble superphosphate and ammonium phosphate are among those generally recommended.

During reclamation of saline soil, caused by accumulation of salt due to irrigation, many farmers find it helpful to apply several tons of gypsum per acre, flood the land inside the levees for a week or more, dry out the soil in the basins and then flood again. When a high water table exists, the upward movement of saline ground water results in a continuing accumulation of salt in the surface soil.

Herds and Flocks

Teach early pigs to eat grain and protein by providing a feeder in a creep—where they can go and eat while still nursing the sow. This way the pigs won't quit gaining when weaned from the sow.

If you neglected to keep a record of farrowing dates, you can come pretty close to telling when pigs will arrive by examining the sow's

udder. Most sows farrow about 24 hours after milk starts filling the udder.

Poultry disease is less of a problem when young chicks are kept apart from older birds. Selling off all old hens and raising a new batch of pullets each year is a paying practice. An all-pullet laying flock, the poultry experts call it.

Trim wool from around the ewe's udder before lambing time. A newborn lamb will sometimes suck a lock of wool instead of a teat. Result, starvation.

Newborn calves should have the cow's first milk (colostrum) because it is richer in vitamin A than milk produced some time after freshening.

Knock on Henhouse Door Pleases 'Girls'

Ladies are sticklers for etiquette and hens are no exception, according to Arthur Gannon, poultryman of the Georgia extension service.

Etiquette demands a knock on the door before entering an occupied room, he points out, and this is a good point to observe when visiting the poultry house.

When the poultry house door is opened suddenly, hens flutter around and scamper for the back of the shed in the excitement. As a result, egg production drops.

On the other hand, if the poultryman raps gently on the door of the house and then waits for a moment or two before entering, the hens become ready for the entrance of the visitor. There is no excitement and no drop in egg production, he says.

Filling Up Cracks In Chicken Gizzard

Cracks or crater-like holes in the gizzard linings of chickens are caused by too little anti-gizzard-erosion material in the feed.

This condition does not seem to slow growth or cause death. However it is common in chicks that have been mismanaged, and is, therefore, often blamed for poor growth and death. Good sources of anti-gizzard-erosion are alfalfa products, mill run, bran and greens.

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Mystery of the Rocking Chair

Ma Hoskins has a favorite rocking chair that's worn and shabby, with a noisy creak. Pa Hoskins has listened to that squeak for thirty years . . . and he decided to do something about it. So he bought a new rocker, and hid the other in the barn.

Ma allowed as how grateful she was . . . but when Pa missed her one afternoon, he heard a familiar sound that led him to the barn. There was Ma rocking happily in her old chair — squeak . . . squeak.

No need to tell you how Pa felt.

Quick as a wink he hid the new rocker and then brought Ma's old chair back to the house. Now when he hears that squeak, he looks at the mellow glass of beer he's drinking and says to himself: "She's just as entitled to her small pleasures as I am."

From where I sit, that's one of the reasons the Hoskinses are the happiest, oldest-married, peacefulest folks in our town.

Joe Marsh

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